

In the Drawings

Please amend Figures 9, 16c, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 26, and 35 as shown in red in the attached drawings.

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendments set forth above prior to examining the above-referenced application.


Applicant amends the specification and Figures 9, 16c, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 26, and 35 to correct typographical errors. Specifically, reference numeral 32 is a duplicate. Therefore applicant replaces reference numeral 32 with reference numeral 41 in both the specification and Figures 9, 16c, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, and 26. Applicant adds reference numeral 41 to the connection between NMS 60 and the network device 540 in Figure 35. No new matter is added by these amendments.

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicant encloses a copy of page 21 of the specification in which the above corrections are indicated in red.

The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant in the event that such communication is deemed to expedite prosecution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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1 modify logical model 280 (Fig. 3) to include: a new entry in the PMD file (or a new PMD  
file) and, where necessary, new device drivers and applications. Because the MCD  
software, which resides in the kernel, will not need to be modified, the new applications  
and device drivers and the new DDL files (reflecting the new PMD file) for the  
5 configuration database and NMS database are downloaded and upgraded (as described  
below) without re-booting the computer system.

6 Network Management System (NMS):

Referring to Fig. 9, a user of computer system 10 works with network management  
10 system (NMS) software 60 to configure computer system 10. In the embodiment  
11 described below, NMS 60 runs on a personal computer or workstation 62 and

→ 12 communicates with central processor 12 over Ethernet network 32 (out-of-band).

Instead, the NMS may communicate with central processor 12 over data path 34 (Fig. 1,  
in-band). Alternatively (or in addition as a back-up communication port), a user may  
15 communicate with computer system 10 through a terminal connected to a serial line 66  
connecting to the data or control path using a command line interface (CLI) protocol.  
Instead, NMS 60 could run directly on computer system 10 provided computer system 10  
has an input mechanism for the user.

20 NMS 60 establishes an NMS database 61 on work station 62 using a DDL file  
corresponding to the NMS database and downloaded from persistent storage 21 in  
computer system 10. The NMS database mirrors the configuration database through an  
active query feature (described below). In one embodiment, the NMS database is an  
Oracle database from Oracle Corporation in Boston, Massachusetts. The NMS and  
25 central processor 12 pass control and data over Ethernet 32 using, for example, the Java  
Database Connectivity (JDBC) protocol. Use of the JDBC protocol allows the NMS to  
communicate with the configuration database in the same manner that it communicates  
with its own internal storage mechanisms, including the NMS database. Changes made  
to the configuration database are passed to the NMS database to insure that both  
databases store the same data. This synchronization process is much more efficient and  
timely than older methods that require the NMS to periodically poll the network device to



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